

MicroStation – Placing Yield Lines

Overview

A number of projects are using yield symbol pavement markings, most commonly seen with roundabouts.

The WSDOT CAE Expanded Levels resource environment includes the symbols, as well as a few handy native tools for easily placing and orienting the markings along a line at a specific spacing.

The Process

This process includes three basic steps:

1. Place a line
2. Place the symbols on the line, and
3. Rotate the symbols

Place a Line

Use any linear drawing tool to designate the limits of the yield symbols.



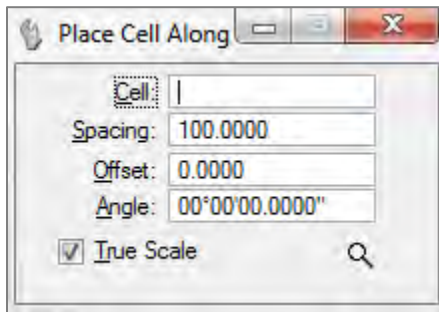
Place the Yield Symbols

Open the **Cell Tools Toolbox** and place the yield symbols at a specific spacing.

1. Enter `mdl load celltool` in the Key-In dialog to access the **Cell Tools**.



2. Enter `AS=100` in the Key-In dialog and press **<Enter>** to set the drawing scale to 1"=100'.



3. In the **Cell Tools** toolbox, select the **Place Cell Along** tool.

4. Enter the appropriate cell name:

RD_MK_YieldSymbType1

RD_MK_YieldSymbType1New

RD_MK_YieldSymbType2 - This is the cell for existing roundabout entry

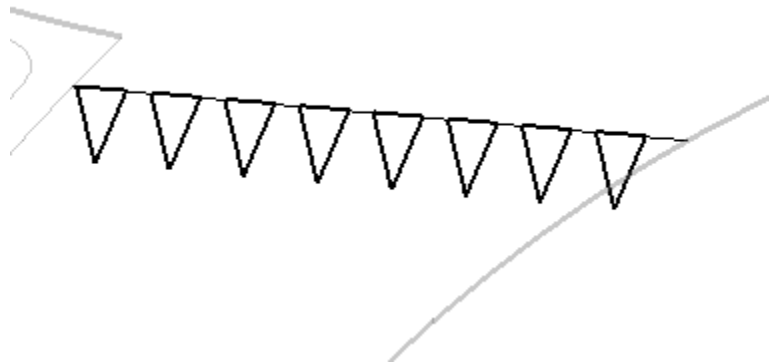
RD_MK_YieldSymbType2New - This is the cell for new roundabout entry

5. Set the spacing to 3.

The symbol is 2 feet wide and the required spacing between symbols is 1 foot for roundabout entry (WSDOT Standard Plan M-24.60-02). This may need to be adjusted to maintain 1 foot separation after rotation.

If the *Graphic Groups* lock is toggled on, the line and symbols will act as one element.

6. Data Point (left-click) the linear element and left-click again to accept it.

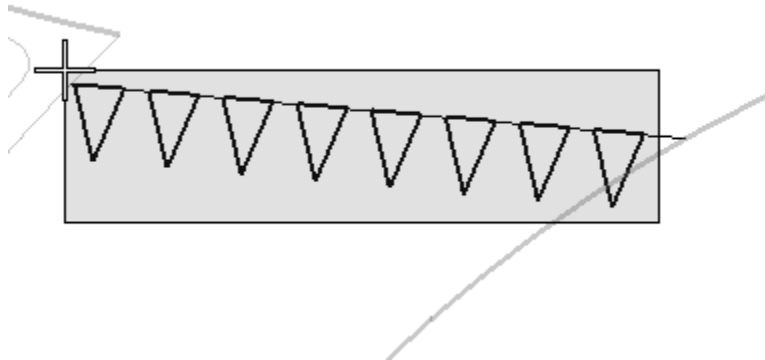


Rotate the Cells

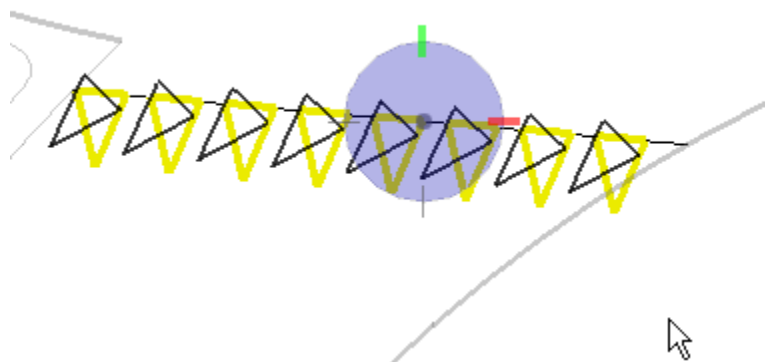
Select all the symbols then rotate them about their centers.

1. Use the **Element Selection** tool to select all the symbols.

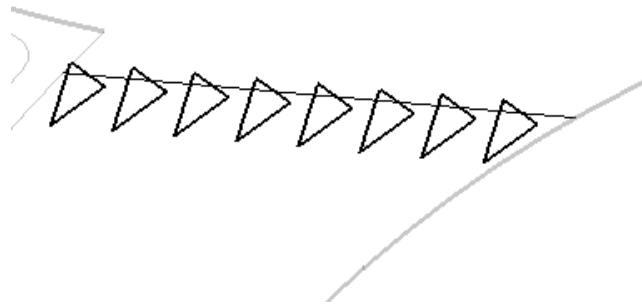
Choose the **Block** selection option drag a rectangle around only the symbols.



2. Select the **Rotate** command.
3. Verify or change the *Method* to **2 Points**.
4. Toggle on the *About Element Center* option.
5. Left-click on one of the symbols and move the cursor around the screen.
The symbols will follow the cursor's relative position to the location you left-clicked.



6. Once the symbols are in the correct orientation, left-click to set them.
7. Reset the command when done.
MicroStation will continue to rotate them until you reset the command (right-click).
8. Select the **Element Selector** and de-select all elements.



9. Delete the line to clean up the results and measure the distance between yield symbols to ensure standards compliance.

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